

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY  
NEWARK VICINAGE**

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2023, the Court entered a Text Order directing the parties and intervenors to file a joint letter on or before May 5, 2023: (1) clarifying whether formal complaints in intervention need be filed and (2) proposing next steps in the litigation and a schedule for such proceedings now that the public comment period for the proposed Consent Decree has closed.

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, the parties and intervenors filed a joint letter addressing the items encompassed by the Text Order.

WHEREAS, the parties and intervenors agree formal complaints in intervention need not be filed in this matter.

WHEREAS, all intervenors agree that they will not formally file complaints, and that the parties need not answer any proposed complaint in intervention.

WHEREAS, the United States has advised the Court that it received several public comments on the proposed Consent Decree and, given the breadth and depth of the comments received, a proper review and evaluation will take time.

WHEREAS, after a full review of the public comments, the United States will decide whether to request, by motion, that this Court enter the proposed Consent.

WHEREAS, the Court, therefore, ORDERS as follows:

1. The intervenors will not file formal complaints in intervention in this matter, and the parties need not answer any proposed complaint in intervention.
2. The United States will promptly file with the Court a full set of the public comments received by the United States to the proposed Consent Decree, making appropriate redactions to remove personally-identifiable information from comments received from private citizens.
3. Commencing on June 30, 2023, the parties and intervenors shall file joint status update letters every 60 days regarding the status of the

United States' review of the public comments on the proposed Consent Decree.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED AND SO ORDERED**

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THE HONORABLE LEDA DUNN WETTRE,  
U.S.M.J.